

BY TELEGRAPH  
TO THE FREEMAN

7 O'CLOCK, A. M.

FROM MISSOURI.

The Federal troops sent to Lexington by Gen. Pope burned two ferry boats and the foundry there, and took 2 Captains, 1 Lieutenant, 4 men and several horses. 1000 rebel prisoners captured by Gen. Pope arrived at St. Louis Monday night. Orders have been given to the several agents of the overland company to take no more express freight from any source until further orders. This is in consequence of the company having been fined by the Government for reported neglect of mail matter.

The damage to the North Missouri railroad may be summed up as follows: The bridges at Sturgeon, Centralia Mexico, Jefftown and Warrentown were burned, also one station and perhaps 20 cars, from 40 to 60 culverts, large and small, three or four water stations, 10,000 ties, 200 or 300 telegraph poles, and five miles of iron wire destroyed, and ten miles of wire rendered useless.

Two trains, one having eight carloads of hogs, and several cars of hemp, and two cars of merchandise are in the possession of rebels. Four engines are lying where they were seized by them.

Some of the men who belonged to the trains report that the persons who did the damage are yet in camp along the road, 500 being at High Hill, and other bodies at and near Mexico, Centralia, Sturgeon and Allen. At Centralia they went within one-half mile of the camp of the Berg sharpshooters, and destroyed a bridge and water station.

The damage to the road cannot fall short of \$300,000, and at least one month will be required to repair it, so that trains can pass. The bridge over Salt river, which is the largest and most costly on the road, except the bridge at Perrigue which the rebels had previously destroyed on Friday night, was entirely destroyed on Sunday night. The station house at Jackson was also burned, together with four or five cars. The repairs progress rapidly at Warrentown, both of the railroad and telegraph lines.

The Cavalry which Gen. Pope sent to Lexington has returned to Otterville. In addition to two ferry boats and the rebel foundry, which they burned, and the rebel officers and privates, reported as captured, they killed the notorious Arkansas Robinson, and drove every band of rebels from the country for miles on either side of the route. They report the country to be quit of the rebels.

An agent who has been with the rebel army several weeks, arrived at Jefferson City Tuesday, and reports that on the 19th Gen. Price's camp at Osceola was thrown into confusion by the news that the Federals were upon them. They beat a hasty retreat, and when last heard from were at Hammondville, hurrying South.

FROM THE POTOMAC.

The rebel forces threatening Williamsport do not exceed 7000 with four pieces of artillery. The rebel commander being foiled in all his attempts has withdrawn his entire force towards Martinsburgh, leaving only three or four companies as pickets. The 38th Illinois regiment having received arms is now at Hancock. Gen. Kelley's advance guard extends there, besides guarding the railroad along the way from Cumberland.

J. B. Wharton, a relative of Ex-Senator Mason, residing at Clear Spring, Md., is under arrest for attempting to bribe one of the Federal pickets to carry a dispatch to the other side of the Potomac.

During the gallant repulse of last Tuesday by two companies of the Indiana 12th, eight rebels were killed and twelve wounded.

FROM KENTUCKY.

W. C. Anderson, formerly member of Congress, died Monday at Frankfort, Ky. Gov. Magoffin, contrary to expectation, approved all bills presented to him.

FROM WASHINGTON.

A special despatch to the N. Y. Express states that in an interview which Lord Lyons held with Mr. Seward, the latter read to him a despatch which he had written to minister Adams ten days ago, in which he said that if the British Government claimed Mason and Sidel upon the ground of illegal capture, and as contrary to the laws of nations, and would consider the surrendering the principle for both Governments, they would be given up on request.

FROM BOSTON.

Nothing is known at Boston in respect to Mason and Sidel leaving in the steamer Europa Wednesday. The rumor to that effect is doubtless unfounded.

DISMISSED FROM SERVICE.

Lieut. Wright of the 16th Mass. Regiment has been dismissed from service for disrespectful language to his superiors.

TO BE SHOT.

Patrick Plarity of Co. F, and J. Dillon of Co. H, of the 15th Mass. have both been sentenced to be shot for sleeping on their posts. The sentence has been confirmed by Gen. Wool. The day of execution has not yet been fixed.

New York, Dec. 24.—The Times publishes an interesting statement by Lieut. Hurd, of the 24 Maine regiment, who was wounded and taken prisoner at Bull Run, and recently released. He, with Col. Corcoran and some three hundred others, were confined in the Charleston jail at the time of the great conflagration, and they only escaped from the jail, which was burnt, by leaping from a window, no effort being made to save them by the Charlestonians. Col. Corcoran, Lieut. Hurd believes, escaped during the confusion, as he expressed a determination to try to reach Beaufort or the North, and has not since been heard of.

According to Lieut. Hurd's representations the national prisoners now in the South are treated in the most brutal and unjustifiable manner.

THIRTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.  
Tuesday, Dec. 24.

SENATE.

Several petitions were presented for the emancipation of slaves of rebels, with compensation for those of loyal masters.

Mr. Grimes of Iowa, offered a resolution instructing the Com. on Naval Affairs to inquire into the manner in which war vessels have been fitted out. He had heard rumors of great extravagance at Navy Yards in this respect. The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Hale of N. H., offered a resolution calling on the Secretary of Navy for a list of volunteer Lieutenants, Masters, Paymasters, &c., in the Navy. Mr. Hale also presented a petition of citizens of Boston, complaining that the Freedom of the Press had been infringed. Referred.

Mr. Hine of Wis. gave notice that he would introduce a bill to amend the fugitive slave law. An executive session was held, after which the Senate adjourned to Thursday.

## Very Latest by Telegraph!

4 O'CLOCK P. M.

FROM WASHINGTON—THE NEGRO QUESTION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.

Prominent members of Congress are considering a new proposition for the solution of the contraband question in order to avoid the expenses of supporting crowds of slaves in idleness, and to furnish the American mills with cotton. They take the ground that the Indian Territory west of Louisiana and Arkansas was ceded to the Indians by a treaty and on certain conditions. Without provocation they have violated the treaties and levied war on the U. S. thus rendering the treaties null and void. The countries thus reverting to the Government embrace the valleys of the Red, Arkansas and other rivers, and contain about 20,000,000 of acres of cotton land of unsurpassed fertility, capable of producing about 15,000,000 bales of cotton per annum. It is proposed to apply the principle of Burton's Florida armed occupation act and send all contrabands to this territory, and apprentice them to the settlers upon those cotton lands, leaving the question of their final disposition to be settled by Congress at the close of the war. All contrabands, as fast as they come in, to be promptly forwarded thither.

THE SHARP-SHOOTER'S RIFLE.

The Secretary of War has ordered for Col. Berdan's brigade, Spence's Magazine Rifle. This gun fires eight times without charging, and can be recharged and ready for eight additional rounds in almost the same time that the ordinary musket can be loaded once.

THE TRENT AFFAIR.

Nothing definite has yet transpired concerning the Trent affair. The strictest secrecy is observed in administration circles, regarding the deliberations and conferences on this most important and generally admitted delicate question; therefore the many speculations on the subject are unfounded, and certainly there is no reason to believe at this time that Mason and Sidel will be surrendered should the demand be made.

The arrival here of Gen. Scott is looked for with much interest.

FROM KENTUCKY—VIA THE SOUTH.

FORTRESS MONROE, Dec. 23.

A flag of truce brings Norfolk papers of Monday. They contain a dispatch from Nashville announcing that 9000 Federal troops had crossed Green River, and was marching upon Hopkinsville, where Gen. Clark had 3500 rebels and was waiting reinforcements from Clarksville.

Advices from Bowling Green say that 17,000 Federals crossed Green river on Friday. It was supposed that Bowling Green would be advanced upon from three sides simultaneously by 60,000, and that a decisive battle would be fought.

THE STONE FLEET.

A despatch from Savannah says that seven vessels of the Stone fleet were sunk in Charleston harbor on Friday.

FROM TENNESSEE.

The Tennessee Legislature adjourned to the 20th of January.

NO NEWS FROM HATTIRAS.

The steamer S. R. Spaulding has arrived from Hattaras. She brings no news.

A. B. ELY GOT BACK FROM BULL RUN.

Hon. A. B. Ely came down from Norfolk late this afternoon by a flag of truce. After a visit to headquarters, he took passage for Baltimore.

FROM PORT ROYAL.

The Marion from Port Royal the 21st, has arrived. She landed, the day previous to her departure, at Tybee Island, seven companies of the Conn. 7th together with Gen. Wright and staff. While discharging her cargo at Tybee Island she was shelled from Fort Pulaski, but received no damage.

Gen. Stevens was about to advance to a point on the Charleston and Savannah railroad. Gen. Wright will probably assume command at Tybee.

The troops are at work enclosing Hilton Head with earthworks, extending three miles back, and from shore to shore, to mount 100 heavy guns. Sixteen stone vessels had been sunk off Charleston.

FROM PANAMA AND TEXAS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.

The flag officer of the Pacific Squadron writing from Panama, Dec. 13th, says all remains quiet at Panama, and throughout the Isthmus. Dispatches from Commander Rieley cruising off the coast of Texas have also been received, from which it appears that early in December he captured the English schooner Victoria of 72 tons from Point Isabella, with a clearance from the rebel authorities, having run the blockade. The vessel was sent to Key West. Seven of those on board took the oath of allegiance, and six were detained as enemies of the United States.

THE COLD FOR CHRISTMAS.—After a snow of eight inches on Monday, and a tremendous blow on Tuesday, the cold, on Wednesday night, was 20 deg. below zero. This is a pretty fair showing of cold for Christmas; but it has often been colder. A cold turn about Christmas is almost as invariable as a thaw in January. We wish some of us were wise enough to be able to explain why these things so generally happen.

## Mails in Montpelier.

Southern and Eastern mail closes at 7.45 a. m., arrives at 5.15 p. m.

Northern and Western closes at 3.45 p. m.; arrives at 9.15 a. m.

Night Mail for Boston and New York closes at 9.00 o'clock, P. M.

All matter for these mails must be in the office before the time of closing, to go the same day.

BARRE mail arrives daily at 8.20 a. m.; departs every day on arrival of Southern.

BRADFORD mail arrives daily at 4.00 p. m.; departs daily at 8.00 a. m.

DANVILLE arrives Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, at 8.1-2 o'clock, a. m.; departs Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at 5 o'clock p. m.

BARTON arrives Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 3.20 p. m.; departs Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 9.45 a. m.

HYDEPARK, by Worcester and Elmore, arrives Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 5.00 p. m.; departs same as Barton.

CHELSEA arrives Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 1.30 p. m.; departs same as Danville.

CALAIS mail arrives Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 1.00 p. m.; leaves alternate days on arrival of Western.

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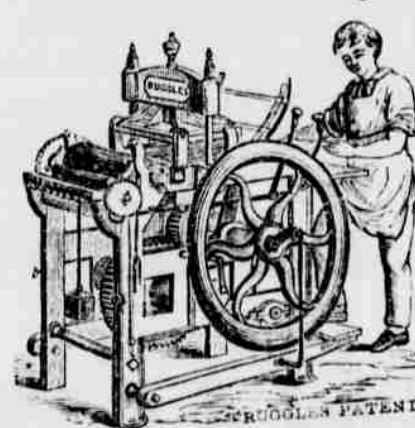
Also, the Directors of the Company are notified to meet at same time and place, for the purpose of reimbursing, in whole or part, the guarantee capital stock of the Company.

GEO. W. REED, Secretary.

Montpelier, Dec. 3, 1861.

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LUCIUS HOLBROOK, Burlington.

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Montpelier, Aug. 30, 1857.

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Northfield, Dec. 7, 1861. d&w E. W. HOWE.



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SEVENTH REGIMENT.